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Computer labs modified for 2007

By Byron Hurd
Staff Writer

SU's Information Technology department is quietly rolling out new policies and procedures for spring 2007.

Changes include an amendment to the food and drink policy in on-campus labs, a new printing system, and the start of a gradual changeover to full-fledged adoption of Windows Vista.

Starting this semester, students, faculty and staff are allowed to have drinks in the computer labs as long as the container is a screw-top. The containers themselves can be of any material, but they have to pass what members of I.T. have informally dubbed "the shake test." If the container, when closed and full, can be held upside down and shaken violently without spilling or leaking, it passes. Lab users must still keep beverages on the floor and sealed when they are not drinking from them.

"It's an attempt to meet students, faculty and staff half-way. We still adhere to the policy that food and drink aren't allowed, but we're allowing this one exception," said I.T. Lab Director Katie Melton.

In another move to streamline use of the labs, I.T. has started converting the campus printer networks to the new GoPrint system. GoPrint does not require users to swipe their Gull Cards for black and white printing. Instead, they only need enter their user name and password into the printing station to release their print jobs. Users who wish to print in color, however, must still have their Gull Cards. Color print jobs can only be paid for with funds deposited to users Gull Card accounts — the Help Desk does not take direct payment for color print jobs.

Students, faculty and staff who wish to buy discounted Microsoft software will also notice some changes. Most notably, no version of Windows is currently available for purchase through e-Academy. This is the first visible sign of a gradual push toward the adoption of Windows Vista on campus.

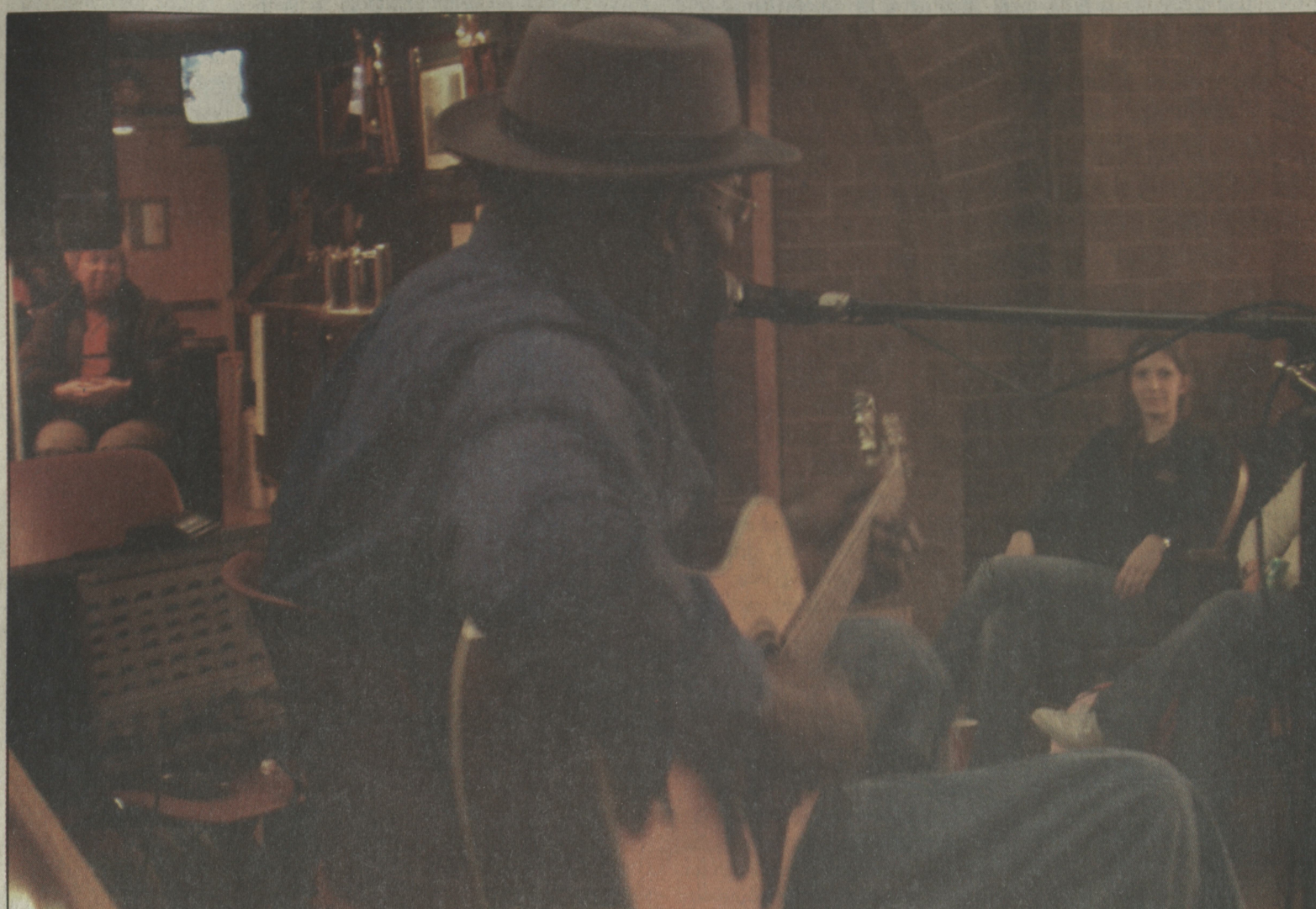
"The earliest we expect to see Vista available on e-Academy is the end of the semester," Melton said. "Usually they're a month or two behind retail outlets and OEMs," she said, "but in this case they're taking longer."

For the half-dozen or so students on the campus who have machines that came pre-loaded with Windows Vista, the normal network registration routine has been far more difficult.

"Campus Manager does not work with Vista yet," said SU Director of Information Technology Ken Kundell. "We've been handling these students on a case-by-case basis."

Kundell said that there are no

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Kurt Auer photo

In honor of Black History Month, blues artist K.J. James performed in the Gull's Nest last Tuesday and entertained both students and community members.

Blues artist jams at SU

By Victoria Jordan
Staff Writer

This past Tuesday, a melting pot of ages gathered at the Gull's Nest to hear blues artist K.J. James, as part of Salisbury's African American heritage month celebration. The song list included legendary favorites, and James even took audience requests and invited the crowd to help him sing a song.

Sitting on the stage of the Gull's Nest, in a gray top hat next to two guitars, it was hard not to believe



K.J. James

that K.J. James was not channeling B.B. King himself.

"This is the Blues folks, this is the way my uncle did it in South Carolina, and some of it may be offensive, but lets all hope we're adults here—but this is the blues," said James.

As the night carried on, the crowd nearly doubled, as students, hearing the sweet sadness that is the blues,

wandered into the transformed Gull's Nest. James emphasized the importance of Black History month, but also reminded the audience that "blues was no longer trapped within the boundaries of color."

Students were not the only ones attending the event. Members of the community of all ages came to see the blues artist play. James, who had developed a relationship with the audience, told stories before most of his songs.

"My woman left me, and that's why I am singing the blues, I really

do miss her."

Stories like these helped create the overall tone of the evening, which turned out to be a fantastic event for blues music, which is so very rare for Salisbury.

The artist mentioned his appreciation for the crowd's respect, which he did not believe would be so attentive on a college campus.

Salisbury University is celebrating African-American history month with a series of speakers and performers throughout the month of February.

Open Mic raises Darfur awareness

By Matt Harhai
Staff Writer

Amnesty International's SU Chapter, in the name of justice and accountability, hosted another successful Open Mic Night last Thursday, promoting activism against the genocide taking place in Darfur.

A good number of students came to the Gull's Nest to perform covers and originals, some silly and some serious. Many more students came to listen and everyone heard a message.

The Sudanese Government has armed Janjaweed militants and are forcibly removing or exterminating other Muslims in the Sudan Liberation Army or Justice and Equality Movement. Members of these groups include tribes like the Fur, Zaghawa, and Massaleit, who seek to overthrow the al-Bashir regime. The SLA and JEM place blame on the regime for political, economic and social oppression. The Sudanese Government although vacillating, in and out of peace talks

refuses to accept the involvement of the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, Amnesty states, they have tricked the UN by violating multiple resolutions demanding disarmament of the Janjaweed. According to Amnesty, the United States has been less than decisive about supporting the ICC in the past, however U.S. officials now claim they might be ready to help the ICC with the Darfur situation.

Amnesty feels that it is poised to rally students and other young people to this cause.

A similar sentiment was expressed between acts at Open Mic Night, "We're trying to write 1,000 letters to Dr. Condoleezza Rice to try to say that we do not support genocide," said Zach Haney, President of Amnesty International.

With Congress finally expressing its concern, there seems to be enough interest within the government, for people to express their

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Sarah Wright photo

Laurel Noone covered Radiohead's "Fake Plastic Trees" and was one of the many performers to grace the Gull's Nest with talent during Amnesty International's Open Mic Night.

Lecture tells Shore's Black history

By Justin Ritter
Editorials Editor

Many assume the Eastern Shore performed a meager role during the abolitionist period of slavery. Professor Dr. Clara Small firmly established this belief as a fallacy as part of her informative lecture, The Underground Railroad and the Eastern Shore presented last Thursday at the Power Professional building.

The Underground Railroad, a term for the route African-American slaves traveled to gain

their freedom, was heavily prevalent on the Eastern Shore. Composed of secret places, courageous abolitionists, and sympathetic citizens, including such famous historical figures as Harriet Tubman, Fredrick Douglas, Henry Garnett, William Still, and Thomas Garrett, who lived or operated on the Eastern Shore's Underground Railroad.

The Underground Railroad was not one exclusive route. Slaves attempted to flee north by "any means necessary," as Small described. Slaves tussled through the many different routes of the marsh and forest-covered Eastern Shore. Slaves attempted to flee by crossing the Delaware Bay on small crafts and even hid in wooden crates and were shipped north, "all in the hope that one day they would be free," said Small.

"Maryland had more famous runaway slaves than any other state in the United States," said Small. "The nine Eastern Shore counties of Maryland [in the 1800's] had some of the most horrific instances of slavery."

William Still, a native of the Eastern Shore, was the only person to tally how many slaves escaped to Philadelphia. He interviewed and tallied 273 former slaves that had escaped from the Eastern Shore; during the same investigation, there were only two accounts of runaway slaves from Virginia.

But the way to freedom was not easy as Small described. Nearly 80 slave traders patrolled the Eastern Shore for fugitive slaves. Capitulation meant either being returned to the original owner, resold, or exterminated. The stakes were high, but many slaves from the Eastern Shore took the opportunity to take a journey on the Underground

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Story Brief

Women's Basketball breaks Saints

Salisbury University women's basketball team sent their seniors off in style with a 75-66 victory over Marymount University in the final regular season home game of the season. The Gulls seniors put on a show scoring 44 of the teams 75 points. The win not only ends Marymount's three-game win streak but splits the season series after the Saints won at home 62-56 on Jan. 20. "It feels great to avenge any loss," said head coach Bridget Benshelter.

Sea Gulls senior forward Jessica Mills, scored 20 points and had seven rebounds, while Megan Klug had 15 points and point guard Jenna Peter recorded nine points and six assists.

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News briefs

AMERICAN ASSOCIATE OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Salisbury Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a rising SU junior or senior woman attending full-time, who is also a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and is in need of financial assistance. Applications may be obtained from the Vice President of Student Affairs Office, Guerrieri University Center, Room 212. The deadline to return a completed application to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs is Wednesday, March 14.

VAGINA MONOLOGUES RETURNS TO SALISBURY

Thursday, Feb. 22 will be this year's premiere for the Vagina Monologues. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. Directors and students Kim Lennon and Erika Mitry will present Eve Ensler's award-winning play based on over 200 interviews with women from around the world. "V-Day 2007 addresses the desire for peace-peace in our homes, in our streets and on our college campuses, especially during a time of war," said Lennon in a recent press release. Admission is \$5 and proceeds are donated to the Life Crisis Center in Salisbury. Gull cards will be accepted. The performance will also be held Friday and Saturday at the same time. For more information, call 410-543-6030.

SGA IS SEEKING JOB REQUESTS FOR THE BIG EVENT

The Big Event, a community outreach project in which students volunteer around Salisbury, will be held from 9 till 5 on Saturday, April 14. Students are asked to help the University's neighbors by doing chores such as raking, painting and cleaning. Currently the SGA is taking job requests from neighbors around the university. The deadline for a request is March 8. For any information regarding the Big Event, visit the SGA website or call 410-548-4757.

Quilt under construction in Fireside

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

The Fireside student lounge has been going through many renovations this year, and the students and staff in charge of the renovations keep surprising everyone with their fresh ideas to make the lounge more student-friendly.

The newest project for the lounge is a quilt that will represent all registered student organizations on Salisbury's campus.

The quilt is completely student centered, and the main focus of the quilt is to represent the diverse stu-

dent body on campus and to show off the students. All 110 clubs will be recognized on the quilt.

To start the project, Meghan Saia, a member of the student advisor committee, passed out maroon and gold 7x7 pieces of fabric at the student activities fair. A total of eighty-five have been passed out, while the others are still waiting to be picked up from the information desk in the Guerrieri University Center.

"We are stressing creativity and uniqueness of each club to show the different faces" that Salisbury has to offer," says Lawanda

Dockins-Gordy, Guerrieri University Center director.

Creativity is being stressed to all clubs, with the only guidelines being that it must have the organizations name on it and a 5" border. Students are encouraged to use beads, sequins, and any other creative tools to make the piece which will represent their organization for years to come.

"It will be great for prospective students to look at on tours to see how inviting we are to clubs," says Meghan Saia. "It really represents the diversity on campus."

The quilt will be made by

Jennifer Turnbough, a resident director at SU. Jennifer was asked to take on the job because she has shown her skills and great technique through other quilts she has made.

The quilt will be located on the back wall of the main lounge and is scheduled to be revealed on Monday, April 2, along with the rest of the new renovations being done to Fireside. If you have any questions, contact Meghan Saia at ms16484@salisbury.edu.

Crime beat

02/07/07
1:54 p.m.
CDS Violation

An employee reported a CDS violation in Wicomico Hall. Investigation by University Police resulted in the recovery of CDS. University judicial charges and criminal charges are pending.

02/10/07
6:15 p.m. — 6:23 p.m.
Theft

A student reported an unattended cell phone was stolen from Mags Gym.

02/11/07
2:40 a.m. — 2:45 a.m.
CDS Violation

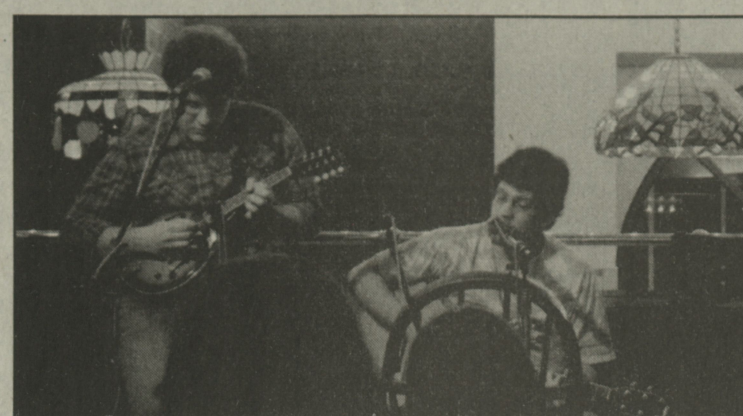
An employee reported a CDS violation in Dogwood Village. Investigation by University Police resulted in the recovery of CDS. University judicial charges and criminal charges are pending.

02/11/07
3:08 a.m. — 3:25 a.m.
Intoxicated Subject

University Police responded to Pocomoke Hall for an intoxicated student. The student refused treatment by Salisbury EMS. University judicial charges were filed.

02/12/07
9:00 a.m.
Fake ID

University Police contacted a student, who possessed an ID that misrepresented the student's age. University judicial charges filed.



Sarah Wright photo
Matt Cohen on the mandolin and Dan Getz on guitar collaborated for Amnesty International's Open Mic Night last week.

Wowing the audience with her stunning voice was Laurel Noone covering Radiohead's "Fake Plastic Trees." Collaborating with Noone was Mike Myers who added a soulful solo, to her "The Colony." Tim Shelton and Ian Potts played Neil Young's "Heart of Gold," both of them hinting at Young's high, slightly raspy and nasally voice.

Tony Matthey threw down serious rhymes with his politically charged a capella raps. More information about Amnesty International at SU can be found out side the SOAP office in the Guerrieri Center, or go to amnestyusa.org.

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Railroad.

"The Moses of her people," ex-slave Harriet Tubman, a former native of Dorchester County, helped navigate over 300 slaves from the Eastern Shore to their freedom. Illiterate and narcoleptic, Tubman memorized the pathway of the Underground Railroad, and by the end of her life had saved over 700 slaves on the arduous route north.

African Americans were not the only abolitionists. Station Master Thomas Garrett, a prosperous white man from Wilmington, Delaware, assisted over 2700 runaway slaves. When on trial in 1848 for the accusation of supporting runaway slaves Garrett said, "Friend, I haven't a dollar in the world, but if thee knows a fugitive who needs a breakfast, send him to me."

The struggle to stop bondage "of these people of property," as Dr. Small described, shows the significance of the history of the Underground Railroad on the Eastern Shore.

Dr. Small is currently researching the oral and documentary history of the slave population on the Eastern Shore during the 19th century.

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worries, and be heard.

Activism, at least among the crowd at the Gull's Nest last Thursday, would seem to come easy. Performers and audience, each of them understood what it meant to listen and be heard. Students performed all evening long, and everyone brought their own style with them.

Alex Parrish played a few songs of indie folk-influenced pop. With his Paul Reed Smith guitar and looping pedal at his feet he pinned swirling ambience to his chill chords and meaningful lyrics. Ben Barrosh diverted a bit from the underlying serious attitude of the evening, making everyone laugh for a few moments with his humorous cover of Stephen Lynch's "Lullaby." Throw in a jovial Irish pub song, and the crowd was reeling in a contagiously communal atmosphere.

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Kundell said that there are no immediate plans to move to Vista on campus until the operating system has "matured" more. "We're taking a wait-and-see approach. There are some major

stumbling blocks." Groupwise version 6.5, the campus-wide email client, is not compatible with Vista. "It does not work and never will," Kundell said.

"We will spend a lot of time during the next calendar year looking at Vista. Any (possible) change will probably come next summer," Kundell said. In the mean time,

I.T. will continue to fully support both Windows XP and Vista on the campus residential network.

For information about the computer labs or obtaining discounted Microsoft software, visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/helpdesk>. Further information about Microsoft software can be obtained, by contacting mscla@salisbury.edu.

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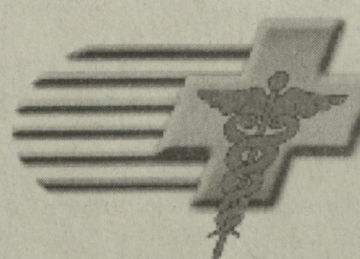
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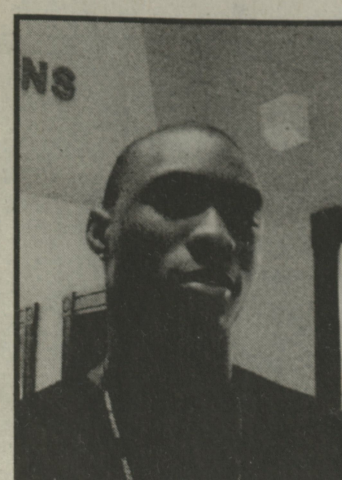
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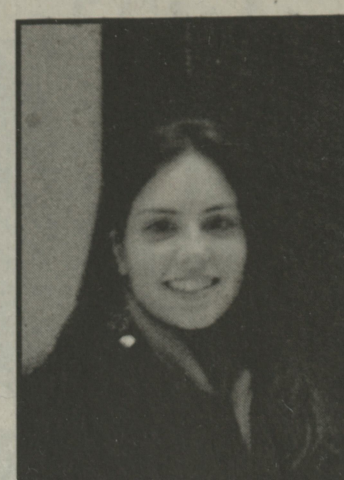
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Overheard: If you could add anything to campus, what would it be?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



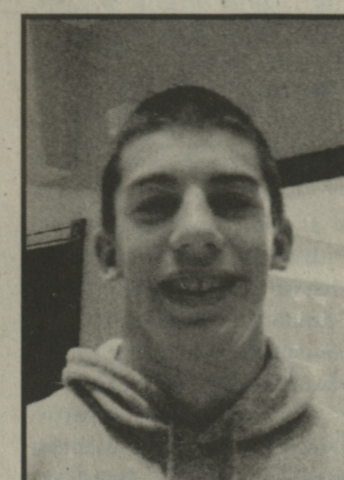
"An outdoor basketball court."
— Brandon Randiff, freshman



"A relaxation center, including a massage, spa and jacuzzi."
— Gabriella Parra, junior



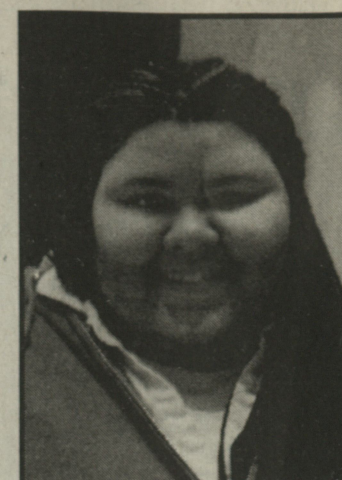
"More parking."
— Kylor Berkman, sophomore



"An outdoor basketball court."
— Tom Ranshaw, freshman



"Make the library closer to Henson."
— Velora Branch, freshman



"A late night food court or grocery store."
— Salima Jefferson, senior

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Letter From the Editor

A new understanding of Global Warming

By Justin Ritter
Editorial Editor

Arguably the most revered scientific committee, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, released a compilation of reports earlier this month that publicly concluded "with 90 percent certainty" that humans are the causing agent that is "triggering global warming." With this conclusion, many still wonder — "What is global warming?"

Global warming is the theory that the earth's temperature is rising; some believe the warming is caused by man, and yet others believe the warming of the earth is natural. Both supporters and critics of the human induced global warming theory agree that the average temperature of the earth has increased nearly one degree Fahrenheit within the last 100 years. Disagreements are common-ly found, however, when assumptions are made determining the reasons for the increase, and what will be the future level and consequences of "rising temperatures."

What is causing this sudden increase of the earth's average temperature? Within the upper stretches of the atmosphere, greenhouse gases heat the earth by insulating the incoming and reflecting rays of the sun. Without greenhouse gases, the earth's average temperature would be severely low because the rays of the sun would merely bounce off the surface of the earth. These greenhouse gases are natural and essential for the existence of all living creatures on the earth. Unnatural greenhouse gases are argued to be created by globalization: the use of oil, natural gas, and coal are all good examples. The more greenhouse gases that are released into the atmosphere, the greater the greenhouse gases will insulate the earth with the sun's light rays, thus increasing the average temperature of the earth. The

concentration of the gas CO₂ has increased from 315 parts per million in 1958 to 381 parts per million in 2005. The thicker these gases become, the less heat can escape the earth; a furnace effect is naturally created. Each year, the human race releases about 26 gigatonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere that currently holds 3000 gigatonnes of CO₂. After 100 years, if these human CO₂ emissions remain constant, the amount of greenhouse gases would double in the atmosphere. If this happens, many scientists hypothesize, that in 100 years, human induced greenhouse gases will dramatically change the climate of the earth. One projection proposes that by 2100, the earth's average temperature will increase by 10 degrees Fahrenheit; this increase could be detrimental to the health of the earth's environment.

There are still plenty of scientists who denounce the theory. Many critics believe the Earth's sudden increase in temperature is simply a naturally occurring phenomenon. Willie Soon and Sallie Baliunas of the Harvard-Smithsonian Institute for Astrophysics downplayed the importance of global warming in their 2003 research paper, "Climate Research." The authors stated, "The twentieth century is probably not the warmest nor a uniquely extreme climatic period of the last millennium." Business sectors of the world generally agree with this claim. Businesses have made efforts to influence the global public to believe that global warming does not exist: their denial, some critics may argue, comes from the underlying fear of profits lost by the addition of tougher environmental regulations and laws.

Some citizens are even proponents of global warming, believing that global warming will become economically beneficial. Yale professor Robert Mendelsohn testified before the Senate in 2000 to discuss

climate change.

Climate change is likely to result in small net benefits for the United States over the next century. The primary sector that will benefit is agriculture. The large gains in this sector will more than compensate for damages expected in the coastal, energy, and water sectors, unless warming is unexpectedly severe. Forestry is also expected to enjoy small gains. Added together, the United States will likely enjoy small benefits of between \$14 and \$23 billion a year and will only suffer damages in the neighborhood of \$13 billion if warming reaches 5 (degrees) C over the next century. Recent predictions of warming by 2100 suggest temperature increases of between 1.5 and 4 (degrees) C, suggesting that impacts are likely to be beneficial in the US.

The severity of global warming could be overlooked by business owners around the world. A prominent young journalist named Upton Sinclair once said, "It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it." However the argument for global warming is presented, the world continues to get warmer. The population of the Alaskan polar bear, the icon for the Christmas Coca-Cola commercials, is withering off of the face of the earth. In 100 years, these furry beasts are projected for extinction. In the Arctic Ocean, recent data has revealed that the sea ice has melted some 40% over the past 40 years. Several climatologists have projected that the Arctic Ocean will be "ice free" by the year 2040.

Many wonder what humans can do to stop this global phenomenon, but is stopping global warming out of our reach. At this moment, only time will tell, many journalists and scientists, both supporters and denouncers of global warming speculate.

~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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			6		1			
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	3		7		8		5	

Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's sudoku puzzle

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Fight or die: The necessity of spiritual combat

Foreword: How many of our beloved people will end up in that vestibule of hell because they were indifferent to the plight of the poorest of the poor in the world?

O Lord, in order to bring about Your kingdom here on earth help us to eradicate that festering boil on the bosom of our beloved Catholic

Church. It's time for our bishops to stop catering to the rich and mighty who want to kill off the poor and start serving the poor and destitute who direly need their help.

Don't you Catholic Bishops in your failure to proclaim the truth to our beloved people about these

Malthusians in our government and our society out of fear of reprisals from them, violate your most primary duty? Can there be a deep enough spot in hell suitable for the repose of your immortal souls?

It's better to fear God than man. I'm 84 years old and was a navy veteran of World War II but if I

was young today and was asked to serve in one of these Malthusian bankers' wars around the world, I would face a firing squad rather than comply. What's needed today are not Steven Decatur Patriots but martyrs for the right. If martyrdom for the right be my destiny, I embrace it.

That aged veteran of World War II,

— Neil Imhoff

Editor's Note: Mr. Imhoff additionally submitted an article entitled "Fight or Die: The Necessity of

Spiritual Combat," featured in the April 2002 edition of the Catholic Family News. The complete article was not included and we do not have the rights to reprint it, so we haven't included it in this editorial.

Traitor to the patriots

The Maryland Declaration of Rights Article 4 states: That all persons invested with the legislative or executive powers of government, are the trustees of the public, and as such accountable for their conduct, wherefore whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people, may, and of right ought, to reform the old, or establish a new government; the doctrine on non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind." This was printed on November 14, 1776.

Today's Baltimore Sun headline: "Electoral College reform in Maryland Sought - Bills call for giving nationwide victor all of the state's votes." I have long believed that destruction of the Electoral

College will eventually lead to the demise also of the Senate and the small states, but the enormity of the evil presented as improvement by the intellectual, educational and media mafias is at least heinous and beyond amazing. It would be betrayal of public trust, attempt at vote theft, reintroduction of political slavery and against the American Revolution. Under such a scheme, say Annapolis and Anne Arundel County vote for Thomas Paine, but more populous areas of Maryland for Aaron Burr, but the national vote was tending towards Benedict Arnold, our votes should be nullified or reversed to accomplish the greater pretended good decided by our supposed betters. This was exactly the argument for virtual representation by phony Whigs, bloody Tories and George III, as better and smarter than Americans. Government was per-

verted and liberty endangered by such arbitrary power and oppression. As Santayana taught: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." If Maryland legislators so betray the public trust and American liberty, I will campaign against each as traitors to the American Revolution, and sue in every court possible. NO matter what these proposed evildoers say in support of their proposed possible vote theft and this wrongdoing, I can find examples for our people's side — which I am privileged to defend on my 62nd birthday from the American patriot and freedom-favoring British versus examples of the sayings of loyalists and British imperialist-supporters of mass murders of American's — from the 21st century traitors.

— Arthur Kungle Jr.

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In honor of Black History month,
The Flyer presents

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

By Diana Westenberger
Staff Writer

Ranked as the most powerful woman in the world by Forbes magazine in 2004 and 2005, and number two in 2006, Condoleezza Rice is the first African American woman to serve as Secretary of State. Additionally, she is one of only two African Americans to have been repeatedly ranked amongst the world's most influential people by Time magazine.

Rice could have only dreamed of these titles growing up in Birmingham, Ala. during the Civil Rights Movement.

Rice has said that growing up during racial segregation has taught her determination against adversity, and the need to be twice as good as minorities. She was always guided by her parents, Presbyterian minister the Rev. John Wesley Rice and Angela Ray, to never get discouraged by the segregation laws and to always hold her head high.

Rice was an outstanding student and began attending the University of Denver at the age of 15, where she earned a doctorate from the University's Graduate School of International Studies. She then moved on to her first academic position as an Assistant Professor in Political Science at Stanford University, where she was later promoted to Associate Professor, and then to Provost and full Professor.

On Dec. 17, 2000, Rice was chosen to serve as National Security Advisor and was the first woman to occupy the position. It was on Jan.



Condoleezza Rice

26, 2005, when Rice was picked to replace Colin Powell after his resignation, as Secretary of State. It was Oct. 30, 2005, when Rice returned to her home state of Alabama to attend the memorial service of Rosa Parks, who had a large impact on the American Civil Rights Movement. Rice confessed that she and others who grew up in Alabama at this time might not have realized the impact Parks had then. "But," Rice said, "I can honestly say that without Mrs. Parks, I probably would not be standing here today as secretary of State."

Since Rice has been in office, she has taken the initiative to reform and reconstruct the US diplomacy. Rice is always in the public eye because of her role as advisor to the president and chief diplomat for the US during a time of intense analysis of the War on Terror. Despite this issue, Rice currently has the highest public approval of any official in the administration.

Rice is a strong African American woman, who represents what the Civil Rights Movement was trying to accomplish 60 years ago. Her experiences growing up in Alabama have allowed her to become the well-rounded woman she is today. Currently holding the position of Secretary of State, Rice has proven that she will not be stopping here.

SU celebrates the Chinese New Year

By Amanda Hailey
Staff Writer

As the sounds of drums beating, gongs clashing and gongs chiming pulse around the Commons Bistro dining room, a beautifully decorated lion suddenly emerges from the back, lured by the music. The lion captivates the colorful lion and, transfixed, it dances and sways towards the musicians, delighting the audience around it.

The 'lion' and musicians, who performed at the Chinese Lunar New Year Dinner held at SU last Thursday evening were the Wong Chinese Lion Dancers. The Chinese Lion, a symbol of strength, wisdom and good luck, is said to help ward off evil spirits. While watching the performance, diners feasted upon an array of delectable items such as Asian wings, wonton soup, pork fried rice, longevity noodles, pineapple tarts and much more.

This Chinese New Year, the Year of the Boar, began on February 18, 2007. According to the Chinese calendar, this is the 4,705th year. The Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival as it is known, lasts for a period of fifteen days and starts on the first day of the first lunar month. "The moon's position changes every year. So then we have a different day every year for New Year," said Dr. Hong Yao, Economics professor at Salisbury University.

Yao, who was born in Beijing, China, said the New Year is a huge holiday in her culture and people do not go to work or school for a week. In order to prepare for the New Year, Chinese families perform a

multitude of customs. Yao said just before the beginning of the New Year, houses are cleaned from top to bottom to get rid of bad luck, and families take that time to purchase new items such as clothing. Decorations include flowers such as plum blossoms, water lilies and azaleas. Dinner on the eve of the New Year is quite a feast, as families get together to enjoy a variety of foods such as dumplings, prawns, pork, fish, vegetables and more. "You eat a grand banquet. They really work hard to bring the whole family together," said Yao.

After dinner, Chinese families play games and watch television as they wait for the New Year to begin. At midnight, fireworks are set off and can last for several hours into New Year's Day, according to Yao. On New Year's Day, children and unmarried adults are given money in red envelopes for good fortune.

People take time during the week of the New Year to send greetings to family, friends and neighbors. It is customary to take a bag of oranges or tangerines, considered symbols of happiness, to the people you visit. Red is the preferred color to wear, as it is said to ward off evil spirits. Celebrations end with the Festival of Lanterns that includes performances of singing and dancing.

Yao expresses much gratitude to Salisbury University for celebrating her culture's tradition. "I am very grateful the school makes the effort for this dinner and show," said Yao.

SU organizations lend a helping hand at Soup Day

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

On Feb. 17, the doors to Salisbury Urban Ministries opened just as they do every Saturday at 11 a.m., in order to feed those who are less fortunate. This particular Saturday was a little different than those that preceded it. It was Soup Day for Salisbury University students.

Wendy Finley, a senior at SU and a frequent volunteer at Urban Ministries, was the leader in charge of putting together this year's annual Soup Day. Many student organizations from SU came out to lend a helping hand.

The day began with cleaning all appliances and preparing the meals and desserts. The spaghetti was put to boil, the rolls were browned in the oven, the meat sauce was made, and the angel cake was sliced and placed into bowls. Hands were everywhere, reaching here and there. To say the least, it was a bit chaotic. But no matter how stressful it seemed to get at times, one thing was apparent: everyone was truly appreciative and humbled just by being there.

Junior Jean Claude St. Sulme was just one of the eager students who were more than willing to help those in need. He said, "You know

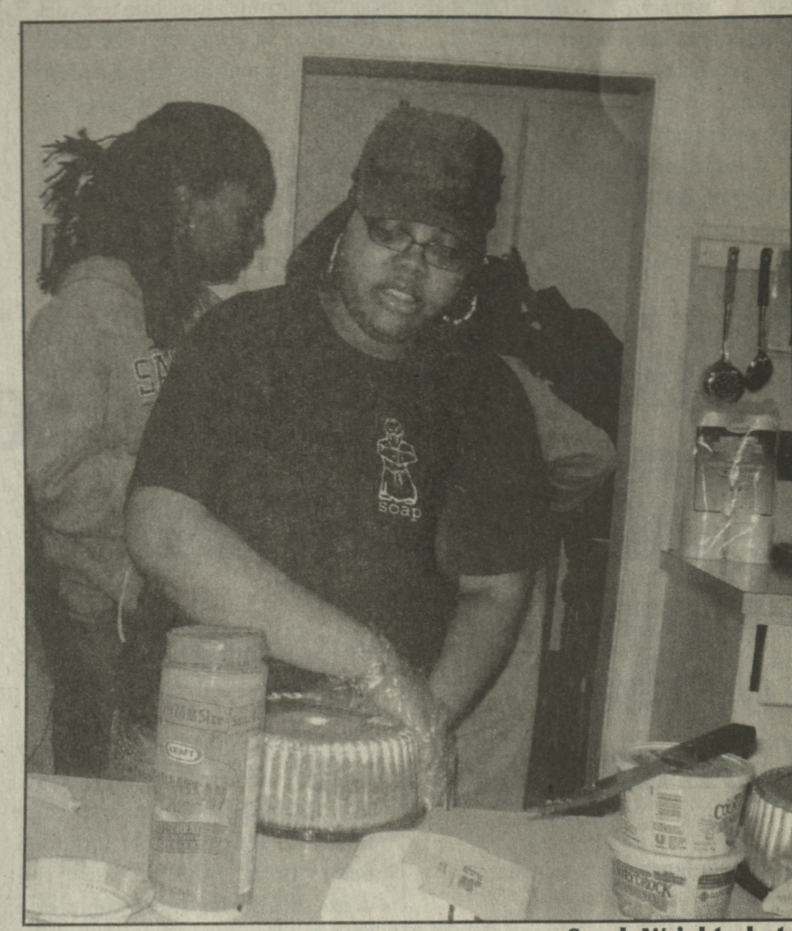
how our motto is 'Lead, Live, and Learn?' It should be 'Lead, Live, and Learn in the process of giving to others.'"

Jobs ranged from serving, refilling drinks, washing dishes, cooking and greeting those who entered and exited. It was wonderful to see students and members of the church uniting as one for a greater cause. Although it was a beautiful sight, it was also a bit heart wrenching to see young children, toddlers and even babies coming in to receive a meal. It made many grateful of what they have. Junior Tiffany Jordan said, "It makes you think if this is honestly the only good meal they will get today."

As the guests ate, they were entertained by the SU Step Squad.

As people left the Valentines Day-themed meal, they were given an inspirational message, hand-made by the members of Campus Crusade. [They] were just one of the many clubs and organizations there to help. The other organizations were UAS' Gospel Choir, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Casser le Moule, and the Prairie Dance group. Passion 4 Fashion, the SU Step Squad and the NAACP.

Soup Day was a beautiful and highly successful day. It showed how coming together as a community can not only benefit others but



Sarah Wright photo

can also change ones point of view in life. May Urban Ministries keep providing the amazing services they provide for those in Salisbury's community along with the services

provided to those volunteers who come out and help. Freshman Jessica St. Sulme summed it up best when she said, "The best blessing of all is blessing others."

Saferide offers alternative, safe transport option

By Samantha Schlepuner
Staff Writer

"It's a bird! It's a plane! No! It's SAFERIDE!" When in view of the glorious white, gold and burgundy vans, such are the exclamations of students all over Salisbury when looking for a safe ride back to their home after being out for a night of festivities and fun.

The Saferide program was created in 1993 as an organization to provide a no questions asked, free and "safe" ride to on- or off-campus housing. If students are out taking part in the traditional college pastime of throwing a couple back, and they need a ride home, Saferide is there for them. They cruise the Salisbury area from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Thursdays, and until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, waiting for the calls of students who need a lift. The program is set up to eliminate the necessity of drinking and driving in the Salisbury area and to keep the student body safe while trying to have a good time

getting away from the pressures of homework and studying.

According to one of Saferide's presidents, senior Nina Ditoto, a main goal of the organization is to "promote alcohol awareness and responsibility for the actions of the student body when choosing to drink," she said. "We simply want to help Salisbury students get home safe and keep intoxicated students off the road."

An even greater quality of Saferide is that they can pick students up even if they haven't been drinking. If a student is too far away

from campus to walk or just doesn't feel safe getting home on their own, they can make a call to Saferide and be on their way back to their dorm, apartment, or house. Saferide also offers Party Registration for students who choose to host parties, in which an officer of the Salisbury Police Department will meet with the host to discuss law cooperation and safety concerns.

Even though Saferide may seem like a gift from God, there are still some regulations and rules to be followed when riding or getting picked up. Students have to remember that Saferide is not a "party-hopping service" and will only take students to their residence, not to other parties. If used in that way, the entire organization can be penalized and in turn, shut down. Because of this, they have a policy to only take up to four individuals to an off-campus location. Freshmen especially should be aware that Saferide does not pick up from campus, but will provide limited rides back.

Accordingly,

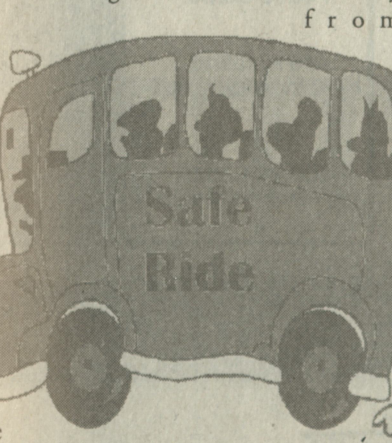
since riders are only heading home, there is no alcohol, opened or closed, allowed on the ride. Those who bring it along are subject to being kicked off.

Additionally, Saferide will not be pulled over by police just to catch underage drinkers; so everyone is encouraged to call if they need a designated driver to get home.

Ditoto would like to remind the student body that "Saferide is run by students, just like those who use the service, and thus it is very important for the student body to respect the organization," she said. "[We] know that there are issues, like long waits, but we do the very best we can."

Saferide is an organization run by students for the students to help keep our school and our community safe from drunk drivers.

Saferide will be there for Salisbury students, no questions asked. Put the number in your speed dial because you may never know the day when you need it the most. Just dial 410-677-5000 and operators are a cell phone connection away.



Jousting: A modern equestrian sport in the spirit of tradition

By Hianna Adrian
Staff Writer

When most people think of jousting, they think of medieval knights charging against one another for a maiden's hand. The reality today however, shows a safer yet exciting picture: the thrill of a rider and horse thundering down the track with the skill and precision to "pick off" three small rings. Today, jousting or ring jousting is a more recreational sport, yet the competitive spirit of the knights and maidens remains alive and well.

In 1962, Maryland became the first state in the U.S. to recognize an official state sport. They chose jousting as a further testament to the sport's uniqueness.

The object of jousting is to gallop your horse down the track and attempt to spear three small rings with a lance. The track consists of three arches positioned over a straight track.

Most tournaments permit each rider three "charges" at a specified ring size to determine the winner. If two or more riders have a tie score, the ring size is reduced until a winner is determined.

Jousting clubs have "sets" of rings. They are graduated in size; the largest measuring at 1 3/4 inches then reducing in size by one-quarter inch increments, the smallest measured at 1/4 of an inch. The measurement is the inside diameter.

David Sabo, an active joustier and member of the Eastern Shore Jousting Association said, "Jousting is one of those sports where everybody

gets an equal chance. We're just competing to see who the best is."

In keeping with the traditions of their medieval predecessors, today's Knights and Maids are always referred to by their "titles." All titles are self-appointed and may be taken from a limitless variety of sources: the rider's farm name, street where they live, historical events, horse's name, or even humorous subjects.

The practiced customs and traditions are neither required nor enforced; however, they are part of the elegance that makes a jousting tournament one of the most fascinating equestrian sporting events ever witnessed. In this sport there is no betting, no professional advertising and no gimmicks.

Currently, the National Jousting

Association includes clubs from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Participants are from all backgrounds and all ages and compete on four different skill levels: Novice, Amateur, Semi-Pro, and Professional. Riders from all five states participate in several of the larger tournaments during the season that starts in April and culminates in State and National Championship Tournaments in October.

Local communities get in the act as well; some by sponsoring local tournaments, craft fairs, bake sales and art shows as part of a community event. For more information, visit the following websites: <http://www.geocities.com/Marylandjousting/> or <http://www.nationaljousting.com/>

Vagina Monologues celebrates, embraces V-day

By Celina Ryan
Staff Writer

When playwright Eve Ensler introduced New York City to the "Vagina Monologues" in 1996, she did not anticipate its impact as it exploded into a new revolution.

Newspapers wrote: "What started as a play has become a national phenomenon; the Bible for a new generation of women."

Composed of over 200 interviews with women, The Vagina Monologues are a series of emotionally provocative monologues, each sharing a common theme of female empowerment.

Word of mouth increased the popularity of the show and it has since been translated into 45 different languages.

But Ensler did not stop there; she created V-day in 1998, which is a global movement to stop violence against women and children. V-day is currently active in 81 countries worldwide.

The "V" in V-day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina. Last year, more than 2,700 V-day benefits and events took place around the world, educating millions about the reality of violence against women.

According to studies, every two and a half minutes someone is sexually assaulted in America. Of those, almost 50 percent are females under the age of 18, and 80 percent are under 30.

Although those statistics are startling, in reality, they remain considerably worse in other countries. Other research shows that approximately 70

percent of women in Peru and Ethiopia claim to have been victims of physical and/or sexual violence.

In South Africa, more than half of both men and women believe that forcing sex on someone they know is not considered sexual violence. If this is considered acceptable, what constitutes sexual violence?

President Bush has allotted \$1 billion to increase the use of DNA technology in the justice system. DNA testing will result in incredible accuracy when biological evidence exists. However, nearly 60 percent of rape or sexual assault cases go unreported in the United States. The benefits of this funding will not reach optimal levels without the strength and courage of the victims.

Families below poverty-level experience domestic violence five times

more than other families. Perhaps even more frightening is the fact that 75 percent of assaulted women have been victimized by a friend, relative or acquaintance.

In order to promote awareness worldwide and suggest change, V-day celebrates Women's History Month each February and has raised over \$35 million.

Salisbury University is also involved in the V-day campaign and annually hosts The Vagina Monologues. Last year's performance raised more than \$3,000 and donated it all to the Life Crisis Center.

Students Erika Mirny and Kim Lennon are directing the performance for the second year in a row. This year, they are hoping for even more.

"This production is meant for

everyone in contact with women. You are supporting a cause that will change the community and the world," said Lennon.

When Lennon first saw the play, she was amazed. "I was blown away that a group of women could come together to create something so beautiful," she said.

Each year, the V-day spotlight has a different theme, or specific cause or group they select to support. Last year, the theme was "Comfort Women in Japan." This year focuses on women in conflict zones. "V-day 2007 addresses the desire for peace in our homes, in our streets and on our college campuses, especially during a time of war," said Lennon.

The V-Day campaign at SU is one of 1,102 throughout the world and the performance will take place Thursday through Saturday of this week in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Admission is a donation of \$5 and all proceeds go to the Salisbury Life Crisis Center, which is a safe-home that supports victims of violence. Gull cards are accepted. Used cell phones will also be collected at the door to be distributed to victims of abuse for use as 911 emergency phones.

For more information, call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web Site.

Dietician offers healthy eating tips for the Commons

By Nicole Janer
Staff Writer

Salisbury University Dining Services offers students various places to eat; whether you are on the go or want to sit and enjoy a meal with your friends. [They] provide students with healthy alternatives and programs to help monitor their weight.

How do you know which foods to eat and which ones to stay away from? University Dietician Kate Cerulli guides students through The Commons, The Gulls Nest and cooking at home. [She] works with students everyday to help them maintain a healthy lifestyle while at school. Cerulli conducts consultations with students to figure out their goals; whether it is to lose, gain, or maintain their weight. Students can drop by her office and use her scale to weigh in and measure their percentage of body fat. This helps them to track their progress and stay motivated.

The Café Express is a monthly magazine with the latest scoop on nutrition in The Commons. Every edition has a write-up about any events that are being held at The Commons along with a brief history of these events. There is also a schedule of events and a daily calendar of the menu from The Commons and The Bistro. Next to every item on the calendar, The Café Express offers a guide to which foods are vegan, vegetarian, and Bon Core.

Bon Core is a program that focuses on making healthy eating easier and a bit more enjoyable. Items that are offered on the Bon Core program are lean and low in fat.

A healthy alternative to The Commons is always a good start to defeating the freshman fifteen. How can we fight the freshman fifteen? "In many cases, the freshman fifteen is a result of irregular sleep patterns, a change in daily exercise routines, and a change in drinking habits," said Cerulli.

Here is something to think about: There are seven calories per one ounce of alcohol, which is close to the nine calories per one ounce of fat. It is good to remember that your drinks have calories too.

"The key is to keep your portions small. Whatever you think you need on your plate, cut that in half," said Cerulli.

There are many simple techniques you can use when dining at the commons. One serving of meat is about the size of your palm or a deck of cards. You should get two to three servings of meat a day. One ounce of cheese is about the size of your thumb and you should get about two to three servings of dairy per day. The size of your fist is about the same as one cup or two servings of pasta.

Kate Cerulli is available in the University Dietitian's office located in the Guerrieri Center. All services are free. Call 410-548-9112 or send an e-mail to mhcerulli@salisbury.edu to make an appointment.

SU offers alternative spring breaks

By Laura Emmmons
Staff Writer

Spring break usually conjures up thoughts of sloppy drunken days, hot Caribbean nights, and crazy hookups that will be forgotten before finals. But for some students, this spring break could be a life changing experience. For the first time, Salisbury University is sponsoring alternative spring break options that allow students to visit New York City, Anne Arundel County, or the Gulf Coast for community service projects. There will also be career and service-related activities available for those who want to stay in the Salisbury area.

"Last year, so many students were going out to Cancun, spending their money on trips just to party," said Dr. Dennis Leoutsakas of the Communication Arts department. "I have a sense that there are more kids in our society and more kids at the university who really have a social conscience; they want to do good things but the venues aren't provided for them."

Planning for a new spring break program began last summer, when Dr. Rebecca Emery, director for Career Service, met with the Dean and other faculty members.

"From a career perspective, I saw it as an opportunity for people to do something of meaning to enhance their careers," said Emery. "But when I met with people from around campus, we expanded it, and rightfully so, to mean what people could do that would be meaningful. End of story."

So far, students have four alternatives available through the school. For those looking to get away for break, there are three options outside of Salisbury to do volunteer work.

The first alternative program, lead by Dr. Leoutsakas, is a

drug/alcohol free trip to New York City to work with Project Hospitality; an organization that provides services to people with HIV in the Staten Island area. They offer counseling and shelter, as well as a soup kitchen and food pantry. Students may spend their time stocking shelves at the food pantry, cleaning the overnight shelter, working in the soup kitchen, or meeting with people who are HIV positive to provide friendship and support. Nights will be spent sightseeing. There are 15 slots available at a cost of \$200 per person to help pay for transportation and housing. Spots can be reserved by paying a deposit as soon as possible.

The second spring break alternative will be in the Gulf Coast. Housing and Residence Life hopes to take about 20 students to assist Habitat for Humanity in the Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. Days will be spent working, and nights are available for sightseeing. The cost is still TBA.

The third option will take students to Anne Arundel County to help Habitat for Humanity in the Brooklyn and Curtis Bay area with

painting, cabinetry, and possibly demolition. Travel and housing will not be provided.

The fourth allows students to remain in the area shadowing in a local doctor's office, completing a mini-internship for Clear Channel Outdoor, or working on a special project to create a website for Beacon Technologies, Inc.

A number of schools nationwide have similar options for alternative spring breaks; and some of their programs are quite large. Dr. Emery anticipates adding a few more options for this year, and hopes to expand the program for next year. "I think that there's a growing interest in alternative spring breaks, both nationwide and at Salisbury," she said.

"We're still looking for people and we'd love to have more people sign up," said Leoutsakas.

There will be an interest meeting for the Anne Arundel volunteer group on Tuesday Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Career Services Office. For more information on the spring break alternatives, visit: <http://www.salisbury.edu/careerservices/Students/AlternativeSpringBreak/Default.html>



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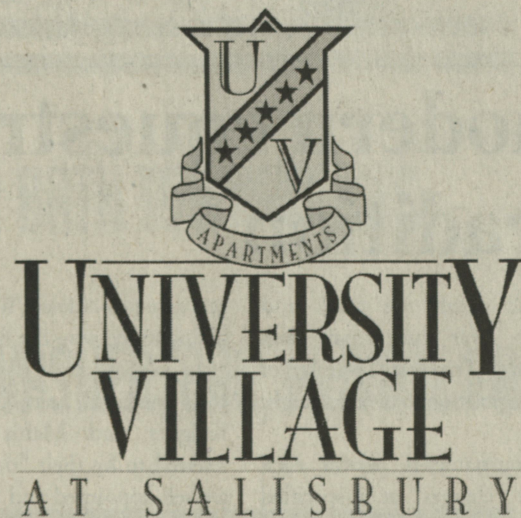
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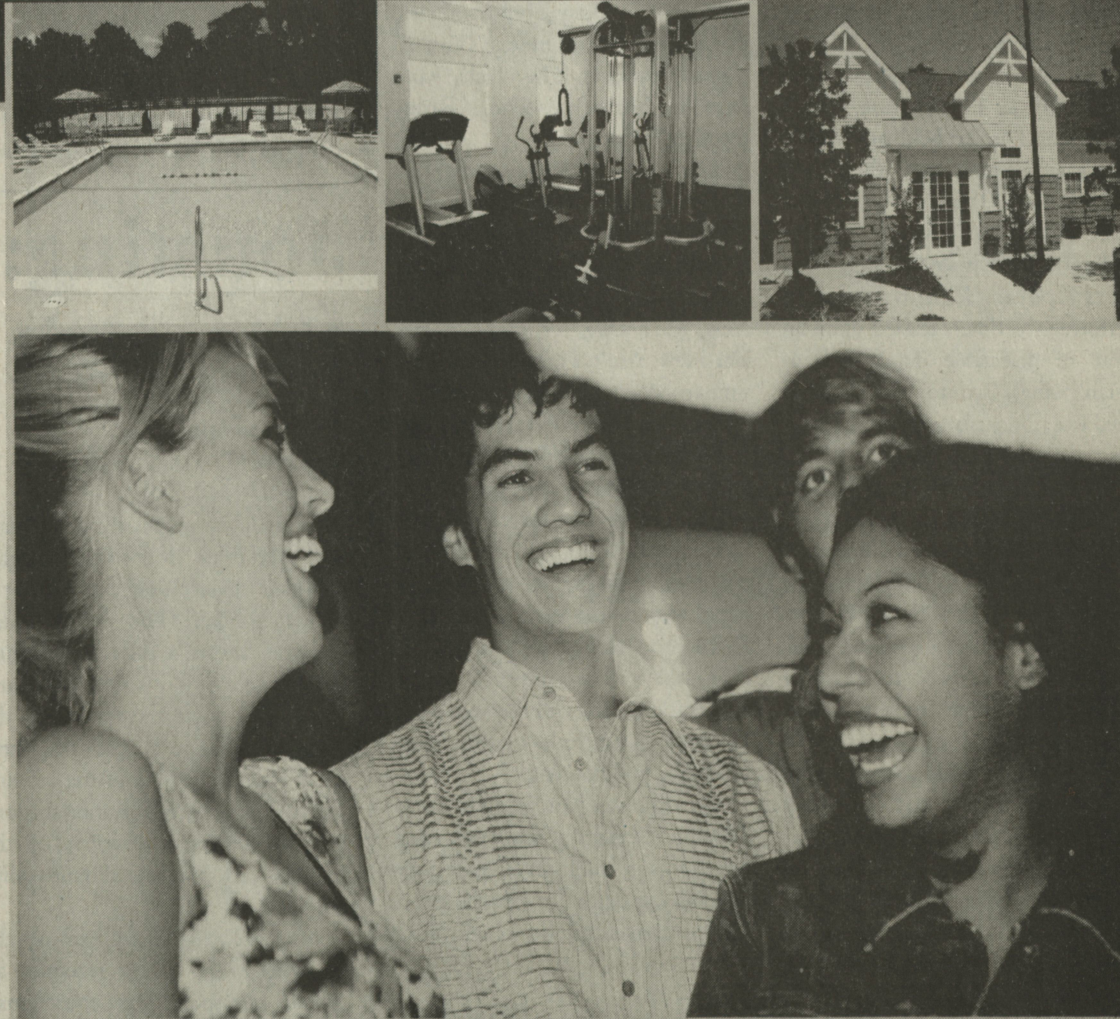
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SPORTS

SU goes 3-0 in home opener

By Merideth Marr
Staff Writer

The 26th ranked Salisbury University Baseball team (3-1) crushed Nyack College (Division II) 17-2, 13-1 in a double header Saturday afternoon, and followed it up with a 5-0 win over Stevenson Institute of Technology on Sunday.

The Sea Gulls exploded in their first game scoring eight runs on just five hits in the second inning. Salisbury put the game out of reach early as the Gulls led by a score of 11-0 in the third inning. Nyack's starting pitcher Billy Gleason hit a solo homer in the fourth inning. The Gulls responded in the bottom of the frame putting up another six runs, on the strength of six hits and a Nyack error.

Salisbury Senior third baseman Alex Vitale, was a main contributor in the win going 3-for-4, with five RBI's, a stolen base, a double, a triple and two runs. Senior Bryan Brainer pitched five innings, allowed only one hit and struck out six. Collectively, the Sea Gulls racked up 17 hits, nine of which were of the extra base variety.

In game two, the Gulls came out with the same intensity, scoring 13 runs. Seniors Mark Bostwick and Andrew Baird led the way for the Gulls accounting for five of the Gulls runs. Baird finished with two hits, two RBI and three runs scored, while Bostwick crushed a two-run homer over the right field wall in the bottom of the third

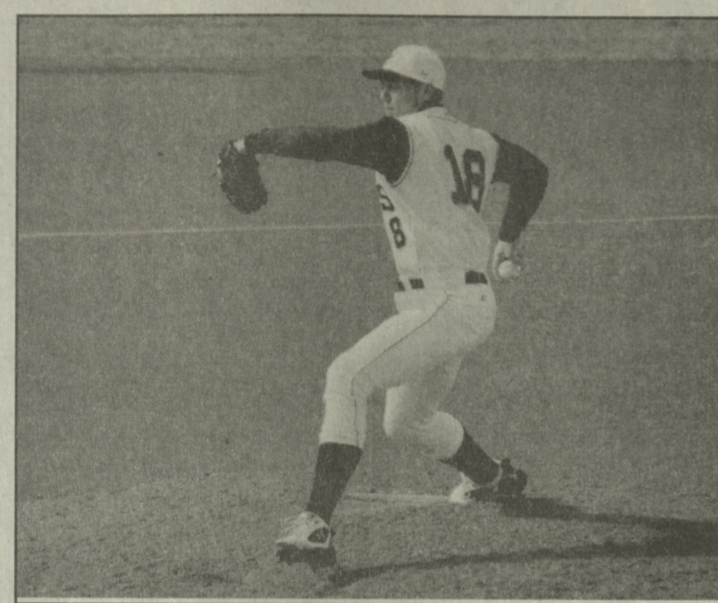
inning to give the Gulls a commanding 8-0 lead.

Sophomore starting pitcher Eric Willey captured his first win of the season with a four strike-out, one run outing in four innings of quality work for Salisbury.

Salisbury continued their winning ways on Sunday collecting their third win of the weekend, shutting out Stevens Institute of Technology 5-0. Gulls starting pitcher Ryan Bennick went six innings, striking out five batters and allowed only three hits in his first win of the season. Salisbury centerfielder Colin Kraus got the Gulls started doubling down the right field line to open the game, he score later in the inning. The Sea Gulls doubled their lead in the fourth inning when catcher Pete Callahan doubled home Justin Arminger, making it a 2-0 game. Salisbury would score again in the fifth inning as Brian Camper scampered home on a two-out single off the bat of Andrew Jensen. Salisbury got insurance runs in the sixth and eighth innings having both Arminger and Camper come across the plate for their second times respectively. Salisbury will face off with Eastern in their next home appearance on Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m.



Junior Justin Arminger gets a piece of the ball for a decent hit against Nyack.



Freshman Pitcher Joe Pohlman brings the heat in Saturday's doubleheader against Nyack.

Letter from the Editor

Go out and see for yourself

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

Merriam-Webster defines domination as the supremacy or pre-eminence over another. Salisbury University's spring athletics are dominant; combined the teams have accounted for 30 straight conference championships. Men's lacrosse alone has produced 150 All-Americans; there are entire universities that can't boast that many selections. Salisbury Athletics are not Division I, but we are a powerhouse of dominance in the CAC and throughout D-III sports. We as students need to give these teams the support they need; go out and cheer for the softball team as they chase their 11th straight Capital Athletic Conference title. Go out and support all of our teams, make an already difficult task for visiting teams an impossible one. Don't let anyone who steps on the field against the Gulls in Salisbury forget that they are playing the best Division III has to offer.

Our baseball squad enters the season as the 26th ranked team in the nation and are coming off a 37 win season. The Gulls are the defending CAC title holders and have made it to the NCAA Regionals for seven straight years. The Gulls have recorded 30 wins in 6 of the last 7 years and this year's word is they're aiming for the 40 win plateau. They might have a chance for the big 4-0 if they can somehow improve upon last season's 26-2 record at home. After sweeping all three games at Sea Stadium this past weekend, Gull Stadium don't return home until Feb. 23 against Eastern and conference play doesn't start until March 10 against Catholic.

Salisbury's Men's lacrosse team should have their picture next to that definition of domination, because the Gulls are nearly unstoppable. Last season the Gulls came up just shy of winning their fourth consecutive national championship, having their NCAA record 69-game win streak snapped in the championship game against Cortland State losing 13-12 in overtime. The Gulls have won the

CAC title for 12 straight years which accounts for every year Salisbury has been in the conference. Last season Salisbury nearly outscored their opponents 3-1, while the Gulls scoring 324 times while limiting their adversaries to only 141 points. The Gulls enter the season ranked no. 1 in the land, and start conference play on Feb. 23 against Catholic here in Salisbury.

The women's lacrosse team enters the year with a pre-season ranking of no. 7 in the country, with only three returning starters from last year. Granted those three ladies are a force to be reckoned with: Sue Ackerman, Katie Simmons, and Ani Khatchatourian last season combined to score almost 100 points for the Gulls.

Salisbury has won four straight CAC titles, to go along with four straight appearances in the NCAA tournament. Salisbury's first home conference game is against conference rival York College on March 3. Salisbury University's softball team, led by Coach Margie Knight, also carries the torch high for SU Athletics. The team has won 10 straight conference titles, to pair with a decade of consecutive NCAA tournament births.

This year could be special for Coach Knight as she is approaching her 400th win as the Gulls softball coach, a goal within reach for this squad. Salisbury plays at home for the first time against Washington College on March 7, but doesn't face-off with conference competition at home until April 7 when the

Gulls take on Mary Washington. My point is this, even though Salisbury isn't a D-I school, that doesn't mean that our athletics don't perform on that level and that you shouldn't support them with the same type of passion seen around the country at other college campuses. So make it a point this semester to go out and support our teams: dominating, winning teams that make up SU Athletics. GO GULLS!

Student Athlete Spotlight Vitale and the Gulls look towards Regionals and beyond

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

Salisbury senior third baseman Alex Vitale is coming of a successful '06 campaign. After being named second team all conference, Vitale was named to the NCAA South Regional all tournament team. Last year Vitale hit .341 and recorded 43 RBI to go along with scoring 40 runs. The exercise science major hopes to go to graduate school after he moves on from Salisbury University. Before he leaves, Alex hopes to help the Gulls return to the NCAA tournament and win a national title.

What are some team goals, you guys set this year?

We want to play hard and try to improve every day. Last year we tied the school win record with 37 wins, this year we want to try and get to 40. We defiantly think it's accomplishable. And if we do that then we will make it to Regionals for eight straight years, and obviously it would be great to win a national title.

How does it feel to start the season off on the right foot?

I want to do better than I did last year. I want to bat over .400, and to be all-conference again would be nice, but above all else I want to win.

How does it feel to be a leader on this team?

I'm a vocal person so I feel like I fit that role well. I'm excited our

new guys are really good. But we have a lot of good leaders on this team (Mark) Bostwick, Pete (Callahan), and (Andrew) Jensen all do a great job of leading this team.

What is your favorite thing to get from the commons?

Well I don't get that often but I love the ham and the mac 'n cheese is great.

Last year, you guys only lost twice at home. How do you improve on something like that?

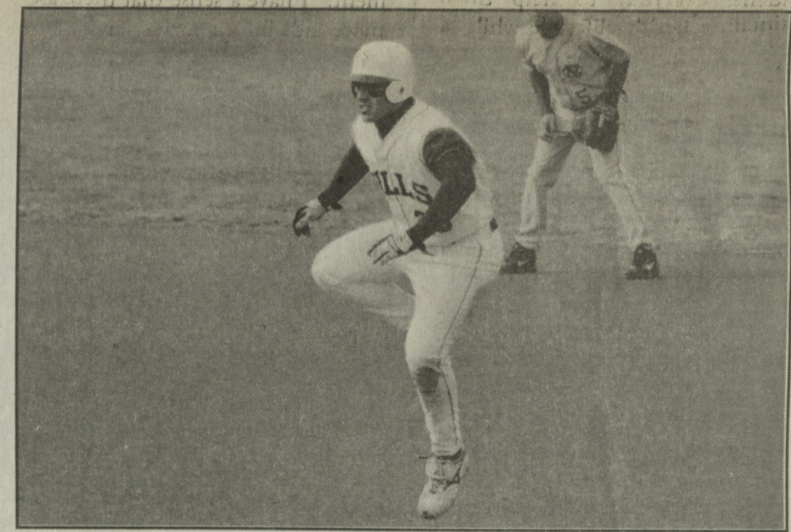
We'll want to focus on improving our pitching and defense. We have a good starting rotation but we can really help to take the pressure off of them if we play a solid defense behind them.

You mentioned that you're thinking about going to grad school. Where are you thinking about heading?

It's between University of Maryland and the University of Tennessee. I'd really like to experience a big school; I think it would be fun.

How does it feel to start the season off on the right foot?

It was a big weekend for us. We lost our opener and it was important to bounce back and help to get the new guys feet wet. We were really disappointed after losing our first game so it was important to focus and take care of business at home.



Student Athlete Spotlight: Alex Vitale.

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Gulls break Saints

By Megan Armor
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's Women's Basketball team sent their seniors off in style with a 75-66 victory over Marymount University in their final regular season home game. The Gulls' seniors put on a show, scoring 44 of the team's 75 points. The win not only ended Marymount's three-game win streak, but split the season series after the Saints won at home 62-56 on Jan. 20. "It feels great to avenge any loss," said head coach Bridget Benshetler.

Sea Gulls senior forward Jessica Mills scored 20 points and had seven rebounds, while Megan Klug had 15 points and point guard Jenna Peter recorded nine points and six assists.

This win improved Salisbury University's record to 14-10, 8-6 CAC, clinching a fourth place seed in CACs and home court advantage. "This is super exciting because getting a home game in the playoffs gives a team that little extra edge it takes to win," junior guard Meghan Phillips said.

The game began with a string of back and forth action between the Saints and Sea Gulls. A steal by Mills followed by a 3-pointer by Phillips gave Salisbury their first lead at 12-10. "Key plays during the game were getting a lead from the very beginning with great shooting," said Coach Benshetler.

Sophomore forward Marissa Manzo sank 10 points and five rebounds and ended the first half with a 2-point shot at the buzzer, giving the Gulls the momentum and a 35-28 lead at halftime.

The second half began with



Natalie Beck photo

Sr. Meghan Klug goes up for a rebound against Marymount player in their final regular season home game.

quick and accurate passing by Salisbury, going 7-7 on their first seven shots, giving Salisbury a 15 point lead. The Gulls kept control of the game throughout the second half, with scoring duo Mills and Klug. The Saints closed within six, with just over nine minutes remaining in the contest.

With a little over six minutes remaining, Klug fouled out. "I was

frustrated that I actually had to come out of the game but had confidence that our team would pull through," Klug said. The Saints cut the lead to a single point after four consecutive turnovers to go along with four fouls with just four minutes remaining. But the Gulls responded. Mills stole the ball and got it to Phillips, who hit a 3-pointer to give Salisbury a more comfortable working margin.

"When I hit my first couple shots in the opening of the second half I knew I was starting a little bit of a tempo for the team, but my last three were definitely the highlight for me," Phillips said.

The Sea Gulls scored 16 points off of the Saints' turnovers, dominating the game and holding the lead for most of the game. The Sea Gulls ended Senior Night with a 75-66 victory over Marymount. "My words cannot begin to pay the proper tribute to what these four quality individual seniors have meant to our program," Coach Benshetler said.

Salisbury will meet Catholic for the third time this year in the first round of CACs tonight at 7 p.m. "We expect to compete, play our hearts out and never quit in any playoff game," Coach Benshetler said.



Natalie Beck photo

Junior Maghan Phillips plays man-to-man defense on Wednesday's game.



Brian McMullen photo

Frank Gerald steps between two Marymount players in Wednesday's game. The Gulls lost after five overtime periods with a final score of 126-122.

Men lose epic battle

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Gulls took the court last Wednesday night against Capital Athletic Conference opponent Marymount University without knowing they were about to become part of NCAA Division III history. After a grueling five overtime loss, 126-122, the Gulls are sure not going to forget anytime soon.

Devin Jones and Sean Whittaker put up last second three point prayers for Salisbury, but they were unsuccessful as their shots were answered only by the sound of the game-ending buzzer. The Gulls fell to .500 overall at 12-12 and 7-8 in conference, while Marymount moved to 13-10 on the season and 8-7 in the CAC.

Both teams were completely drained at the end of the five overtime thriller. Four of Marymount's starting five played more than 58 minutes. Guard Fred Stanback, who scored 27 points and collected 15 rebounds, and Bryant Majors, 21 points, played 61 minutes out of a total 65. Mike Gray led his team with 40 points and a game high 18 rebounds in 58 grueling minutes, while teammate Corey Diamond collected 20 points in 59 minutes played.

Salisbury's Devin Jones recorded the most playing time with 62 minutes and scored 22 points for the Gulls.

The loss is particularly sour for seniors Ray Williams and Segun Odumeru, as they left their last regular season home game at Maggs Gym with a let down. Williams, who is the second leading scorer in the CAC, showed why, scoring a game-high 41 points while recording eight assists in 57 minutes of work. Odumeru moves into sixth place all time on the career points list at SU with 1,495 points after scoring 23 in 54 minutes of work.

The five overtimes tie a NCAA Division III record for most overtimes played. Ironically enough, this is the fifth game to go five overtimes since 1973, which was the first year the NCAA began keeping records for Division III men's basketball. It marks the first time since Feb 18, 1999, that a game has gone to five overtimes.

Salisbury and Marymount also set a new NCAA Division III record for combined points scored in extra periods with 102. The previous record was 92 points, which was set in the last five overtime game between Babson and Wheaton. Marymount set a new NCAA Division III record, scoring 53 points in overtime, besting Babson's 50 points. Wednesday night's game



Brian McMullen photo

Ray Williams soars past a defender for a two-pointer in during the game. Williams is the second leading scorer in the Capital Athletic Conference, and scored a game-high 41 points last Wednesday.

also marks the longest contest ever in Capital Athletic Conference history.

The Gulls looked to take control of the game early, going on a 20-6 run to go up by 12 in the first half, but Marymount staged their own run. The Saints closed out the half on a 14-6 run to pull within four at halftime, down 36-32. The second half was tight with both teams exchanging body blows and no lead bigger than seven. The Gulls' Odumeru hit a jumper with 2:52 remaining in regulation to put Salisbury up by a touchdown, but unfortunately it would be their last basket before overtime as the Saints marched back to tie the game at 73 and force overtime.

The Gulls held a lead in every overtime but the fifth and final frame. After Marymount's Majors missed two free throws with 11 seconds remaining in the first OT, SU ran down the court and Williams drained a jumper with only three seconds left on the clock to push the game into a second overtime.

In the fourth overtime the two teams combined for seven three-point plays. SU had a four point lead, at 111-107, with eighty sec-

onds to go after Jones scored a lay-up and converted on a free throw. Jones was a one man show as he accounted for 10 of Salisbury's 13 points in the fourth overtime period. As the clock wound down and Salisbury held a three point lead, the Saint's Majors marched the ball up the court and hit a heartbreaking three point shot. This left only one second on the clock and the game tied for the 13th time at 112 a piece.

In the fifth and final overtime, the Saints jumped out quickly to a six point lead they would not relinquish. The Gulls got within two points, at 124-122, after Williams dropped his seventh three point shot of the night, but could pull no closer.

The game saw nine players score in double figures, five of which were Sea Gulls, while two Saints scored double-doubles. Marymount out-rebounded the Gulls at 61-45, and also held the advantage in assists with 25 compared to Salisbury's 19. Salisbury will face Catholic at Catholic for the Capital Athletic Conference tournament.

Go Gulls

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MEN'S LACROSSE

A new season, a new beginning and for the Salisbury University men's lacrosse team, it's the start of a new win streak as well. The top-ranked D-III lacrosse team took out Virginia Wesleyan University 14-5 on the road in front of a crowd of 1,045. Salisbury (1-0) fell just short of a fourth consecutive national championship last season, losing in the national championship game to SUNY Cortland and simultaneously ending their NCAA lacrosse record 69-game win streak, spanning from 2003-'06. That stretch is the second longest winning streak in men's collegiate athletics, resting behind the legendary 88 game-streak by the UCLA men's basketball team. Juniors Matt Hickman and Greg Titus scored three goals a piece, while Kylor Berkman recorded two goals to go along with his two assists. Kyle Burto added two goals in the victory.

Salisbury junior Brett Yoder led the Gulls in the win, recording three assists and also scoring a late fourth-quarter goal. Senior goalie

Max Zarchin stepped it up in between the pipes, stopping seven shots for the Gulls.

The Gulls jumped out early in the game, scoring the first three ties, leading 5-2 after the first quarter and 7-4 at halftime. The Sea Gulls dominated in the second half outscoring the Marlins 7-1. SU out shot the marlins 42-20 and won 13-of-23 faceoffs. The Gulls home season opener is against Capital Athletic Conference foe Catholic University on Friday at 3 p.m.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	■ Women's Basketball CAC first round ■ Men's Basketball CAC first round		■ Women's Basketball CAC Semifinals ■ Men's Basketball CAC Semifinals ■ 3 p.m. — Women's Lacrosse vs. Christopher Newport	■ 2:30 p.m. — Baseball vs. Eastern ■ 3 p.m. — Men's Lacrosse vs. Catholic University	■ Women's Basketball CAC Championship ■ Men's Basketball CAC Championship ■ 12 p.m. — Baseball vs. Staten Island	